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for charcoal burners and manure gatherers, the latter being permitted to gather manure-leaves from all trees without restriction:

61. *Rules for handcuffing under-trial prisoners and for night-patrol.*

(14) That rules might be passed with regard to the hand-cuffing of under-trial prisoners, the night-patrol of Police-officers and the freer mingling of superior officers of the Police with the people in general:

62. *Separation of Desakavalkars from the Police.*

(15) That the Desakavalkars might be made independent of the Police Department and made to serve the villagers alone, their appointment resting with the Tahsildar of each Taluk:

63. *Preparation of lists of ruling prices.*

(16) That mercantile societies and, in their absence, leading and respectable merchants might be asked to prepare periodical lists of the ruling prices of commodities in the markets:

64. *Postponement of opening of Railways and Harbours.*

(17) That further Railways and Harbours might not be opened unless after a conference of officials and non-officials, in view of the fact that the Quilon-Railway scheme has not been profitable to Government and a large amount of money was being consumed by the Settlement operations and the Kodayar Project works:

65. *Industrial conference.*

(18) That a conference might be convened for devising steps to start new industries, such as chrome tanning:

66. *Convening of meetings by Tahsildars to explain Bills.*

(19) That the Tahsildars might be required to convene meeting of the people in each Taluk and explain to them the provisions of the Bills introduced into the Legislative Council and record the opinions of educated men thereon:

67. *Publication of rules of inheritance among Nanjenaad Vellalars.*

(20) That the existing rules of inheritance among the Nanjenaad Vellalars might be collated and published and a new law of inheritance framed, if deemed advantageous to the community:

68. *Conference for promoting technical education.*

(21) That as higher education had not materially benefited the people, a conference might be convened for concerting measures to promote technical education: and

69. *Title for members of the Popular Assembly.*

(22) That the members of the Popular Assembly might be given a status similar to that of the Thirumukasthanom of old.

Dewan's reply.—(No. 1) The suggestion has already been brought forward and noticed.

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(No. 2) This is a matter for Government to settle and there is no necessity to bring it forward here.

(No. 3) This is what is being done.

(Nos. 4 & 5) These are administrative details within the province of the Departments concerned.

(No. 6) The standing orders on the subject contain the necessary provisions.

(No. 10) May be done after the Taluks are settled.

(Nos. 11 & 12) Will be considered.

(Nos. 13 & 14) Will be looked into by the Departments concerned.

(No. 15) Noted for consideration.

(No. 16) Government are aware that the present arrangement is not quite satisfactory. They will take the opinions of the merchants and see what can be done.

(No. 17) Will be considered.

(No. 19) There is a Legislative Council and in the Council there is a strong body of non-official members who will consult the people, take their opinions and represent them in the Council. That being the case, it seems inexpedient to ask the Tahsildars to convene meetings of the people and explain to them the provisions of each Bill as it is published in the Gazette.

(No. 20) If any difficulty is felt on the subject and modifications are desired, there is no objection to a separate representation being made for the consideration of the Council.

(No. 21) Government are agreeable to the view. His Highness the Maha Rajah has already granted you facilities in the matter of technical education. What further facilities could be afforded will be considered.

(No. 22) Noted.

70. Restoration of the Allam at Kolachel.

Mr. Ponnaiya Nadar of Eraniel (Member, Nominated) requested that the Allam at Kolachel might be restored and opened for the manufacture of salt. He also requested that the sale of salt might be left to the producers

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